

2006 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Program

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Official Application Form

GENERAL INFORMATION/SIGNATURES

Name _____ Social Security # _____

Home Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ E-mail Address _____

Subject Area _____ Grade Level _____

Level to be Considered for Teacher Award (ELE, MS, HS – choose only one) _____

Years of Teaching Experience _____ Years in Present Position _____

SCHOOL/DISTRICT INFORMATION

Principal Name _____ E-mail Address _____

School Name _____

School Phone _____ School Fax _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Superintendent Name _____

School District _____ County of District _____

District Phone _____ District Fax _____

District Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

If selected as the 2006 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, I understand that I will be expected to attend events sponsored by the state and national teacher of the year programs, and agree to do so. I give my permission to release the enclosed information for publication and/or other uses deemed appropriate to promote the Teacher of the Year program, and attest that the enclosed information is true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

I. INSTRUCTIONS: Create and attach separate pages for Sections II - IX. Label each page with the appropriate title and page number. Use double-spaced copy, no smaller than 10-point type. This information should be saved for possible future use on the national Teacher of the Year application.

II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities - 10 points (two double-spaced pages)

- A. Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- B. Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
- C. Beginning with most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
- D. Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.
- E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

III. Professional Biography - 10 points (two double-spaced pages)

- A. What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

IV. Community Involvement - 10 points (one double-spaced page)

- A. Describe your commitment to your community through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic and other group activities.

V. Philosophy of Teaching - 25 points (two double-spaced pages)

- A. Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.
- B. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?

VI. Education Issues and Trends - 10 points (two double-spaced pages)

- A. What do you consider to be the major public education issues today? Address one in depth, outlining possible causes, effects and resolutions.

VII. The Teaching Profession - 25 points (two double-spaced pages)

- A. What do you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession?
- B. What is and/or what should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?

VIII. Letters of Support - 10 points (limit of three letters, each a maximum of one page)

Include three letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent, or civic leader.

IX. Publicity Photograph

Include with the application package a high-quality, recent photograph (color or black and white) that is suitable for use in all publicity. The photo should be of the teacher only, no larger than 5" x 7" and no smaller than 3" x 5". Printed digital photographs are unacceptable.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To participate in the Kentucky Teacher of the Year Program, a teacher must have at least three years of classroom teaching experience and spend seventy-five percent of the day in the teaching and instruction of students.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Kentucky Teacher of the Year is selected through a three-tiered process that includes: 1) application judging; 2) classroom teaching observation; and 3) oral interview.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Creativity and Originality** - the applicant demonstrates successful use of original or innovative teaching methods.
- **Communication Skills** - the applicant demonstrates strong capability as a communicator 1) through an application free of grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors; and 2) through oral formats including classroom observations and personal interviews.
- **Education Contributions/Accomplishments** - the applicant demonstrates the ability to make significant contributions to education.
- **Professional Development** - the applicant demonstrates professional commitment by consistently upgrading teaching skills and maintaining awareness of educational trends and issues.
- **Community Involvement** - the applicant demonstrates commitment to community activities.

**Application should be completed on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper and bound by staple or one large clip. Do not include binders, sleeves, section separators, additional photographs, newspaper clippings, etc.

RETURN THE COMPLETED ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO:

2006 KENTUCKY TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM
ATTN: DONNA MELTON
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
500 MERO STREET, ROOM 1723
FRANKFORT, KY 40601

APPLICATION DEADLINE: POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2005